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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Makoto SAITO

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For: DATA COPYRIGHT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



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Examiner: J. Hayes

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 12, 2001

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add claims 71-78 as follows:

SUB C3 71. A data copyright management method for managing the copyright of data wherein a first secret-key and a second secret-key are used, said method comprising the steps of:

encrypting unencrypted data using said first secret-key;

supplying the encrypted data to a primary user;

decrypting the encrypted data using said first secret-key;

displaying the decrypted data;